



Woodbridge Farms School Newsletter #2 October 6, 2017

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From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome to October! Our first month seems to have flown by, and we've started our second month of school already. We've had warm days and very cold days, and just to prove it's Alberta: snow. Please remember to have students dressed appropriately for the weather.

Our September was filled with getting to know new students, their families and staff, and reconnecting with returning families. Thank-you to everyone who came to the *Meet the Staff BBQ*. We had some rain and were able to retreat to the gym, unlike our Track Team who suffered through poor weather that day, including hail! From our first 2 fire (evacuation) drills, to bus evacuation and Strathcona County Fire Safety presentations, we packed a lot into our first month! We also had our first School Council and Parent Association meetings. Please remember all parents are welcome at these meetings! At the October meeting I'll present some budget information and review PAT results, which I'm sure we'll all find encouraging!

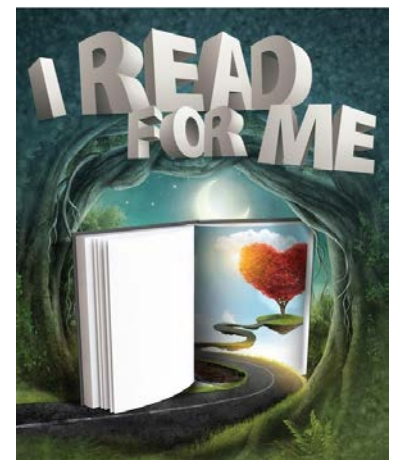
The Terry fox run was held in glorious weather! This year we raised \$812.40 through "Toonies for Terry". Way to go Woodbridge! We also had Orange Shirt Day on the 29th. The response from students and parents was simply amazing. Thank-you for helping to get the message out! On Wednesday we had our Jersey day to mark the Oilers' home opener.

As we look to October, we will continue with our safety drills, including "On Alert" combined with a "Lockdown" drill. This will be during the week of October 23rd. I've said before that this drill can be scary for younger students, however it can also be scary for older students as they may be more aware of world news. Please talk with your children about the importance of these drills. One reason we tell students is it is part of the student motto, the first part in fact: *Be Safe!* We will once again be participating in the Soles for Souls campaign. We will kick that off (note the clever pun) at the same time as our Soctober campaign.

I have a friendly challenge for parents. Do you have a job where literacy and/or numeracy are key to doing your job? Would you feel comfortable about sharing that with students?. The hope is that over the course of the school year, we would have several parents present their job and talk about literacy and numeracy embedded in their jobs. Yes this means public speaking. What we have yet to decide is if the presentation would be in two parts – one for Div 1 (grades K-3) and one for Div 2 (grades 4-6) or altogether. Please contact me directly if this is something you would be willing to do.

Please be mindful of traffic in front of the school, particularly during morning arrival time. There have been infractions including u-turns in front of the school and double parking along the side of the school as well as vehicles exceeding posted speed limits. RCMP and Peace Officers will be increasing patrols, especially during peak times.

Happy Learning!
Sven Danzinger
Principal



OCTOBER 2017

Oct 2–6	Read in Week: <i>I'm a READER. I read for ME!</i>
Oct 2	Assembly 9am
Oct 4	Staff Meeting – early out 2:13 PM Newsletter – changed to Oct 6 School Spirit Day: <i>Jersey Day</i>
Oct 5	World Teachers' Day Professional Learning Day – no school
Oct 6	Professional Learning Day – no school
Oct 9	Thanksgiving Day – No School
Oct 13	Hot Lunch – Nitzza's for students who pre-ordered
Oct 16	Civic Election – gym used for election
Oct 15-21	School Bus Safety Week
Oct 16-22	Soles 4 Souls Shoe Drive
Oct 18	Photo Retakes
Oct 23	On Alert/Lockdown drill this week
Oct 27	Family Dance
Oct 31	Halloween (PM activities)



NOVEMBER 2017

TBD	Book Fair Delivered
TBD	Trustee's Results Review
Nov 1	Staff Meeting – early out 2:13 PM
Nov 3	Newsletter
Nov 4	Shopapalooza 10 AM – 4 PM
Nov 6	Shelter in Place/Duck-cover-hold drills this week
Nov 8	Concrete Theatre - The Bully Project (grades 4-6)
Nov 9	Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30 AM School Spirit Day: <i>Dress your best for Remembrance Day Ceremony</i> Hot Lunch – Press'd for students who pre-ordered Interview bookings open https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/
Nov 10	School Closure Day
Nov 11-19	Fall Break - No School
Nov 13-19	National Bullying Awareness Week
Nov 20-24	EIPS Bullying Awareness Week
Nov 20	Assembly 9:00 AM
Nov 24	Saffron Centre Presentations K-6 (AM)
Nov 27	Report Cards Issued – electronic only
Nov 28	Alberta Opera 9:30 <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>
Nov 29-30	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30

DECEMBER 2017

TBA	Wee Wonderland
Dec 1	Newsletter
Dec 6	Early out 2:13 PM/Staff Meeting 2:30 PM
Dec 7	Assembly 9:00 AM
Dec 8	Hot Lunch – Bev Facey for students who pre-ordered
Dec 14	Christmas Concert SAL 7 PM
Dec 15	Kindergarten Christmas Concert AM in the Gym
Dec 22	Last Day before Christmas Break PJ/Stuffy day
Dec 23-Jan 7	Christmas Break

SCHOOL COUNCIL & PARENT ASSOCIATION 2017 2018 MEETING DATES

All meetings are at 6:30 PM in the Library

Wednesday October 25

Thursday November 23

December No Meeting

Tuesday January 23

Wednesday February 21

March No Meeting

Thursday April 26

Tuesday May 29 includes AGM
(Annual General Meeting)

Parents and
grand-parents
are *always* welcome at
our assemblies!

In and around the School

WBF SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PARENT ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Upcoming Meetings:

You are invited to attend our next Parent Association and School Council meeting. This is a fantastic way to find out what is going on in the school or share any concerns you may have. The next meeting is in the school library on October 27th at 6:30 pm. Childcare is available at no cost.



Teacher Appreciation:

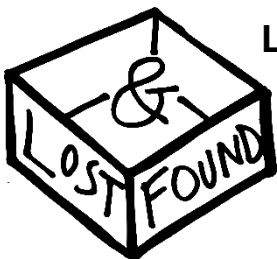
Woodbridge Farms parents and students know how lucky we are to have this great group of teachers! On Wednesday October 4th the Parent Association is able to honour our teachers with staff meeting treats ranging from cold cuts to squares. This is thanks to your fundraising efforts throughout the year. Thank you WBF families and thank you teachers. Happy World Teachers' Day... we all know our teachers are out of this world!!!

A note from Woodbridge Farms Staff:

Dear Parents and Parent Association: Thank-you very much for the delicious feast you gave us for Staff Meeting. We truly thank-you for your ongoing support, in and out of the classroom and school-wide!

Halloween Dance:

Mark your calendars! The WBF Parent Association is hosting a family dance on October 27th from 7 -9 PM in the school gymnasium. Come dressed in your Halloween costume and be ready for a *spooktacular* evening! Look for more details to come home in your student's agenda.



LOST & FOUND: LABELLING CLOTHING

Even though it is only the second month of school, there are already dozens of items in our lost and found. It would be very helpful for student clothing such as jackets, boots, hats, etc. to be labeled. That way we can more easily reunite items with their owners.

STAFFING UPDATE

Welcome to Mrs. Little! Mrs. Little is working mostly in Ms. Jossy's 5J classroom.

TERRY FOX RUN

Thank-you for your participation! Our run was on Thursday, Sept. 28, in glorious sunshine! Thanks to your contributions we raised \$812.40!



PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST RESULTS

Alberta Education will officially release Achievement Test Results province-wide next week. WBF results will be published in next month's newsletter.



SOCTOBER & SOLES FOR SOULS

Woodbridge Farms We Act and Grade 3s will be working collaboratively to collect used shoes and new socks throughout the month of October. Used shoes will be collected for Strathcona County's **Soles for Souls** campaign. Last year Strathcona County schools collected 12,000 pairs of shoes in 3 days. Woodbridge Farms was responsible for 399 pairs of shoes! This year, we plan to beat our record. Shoes must be in decent shape and bound together. The county will be dropping off large, blue recycle bins for shoe collections from Oct 16-20.



Soctober is the collection of **new socks**, and will be from Oct 16-31, and will be donated to shelters to help those in need of warmth for the upcoming winter season. In the past years, WBF has helped collect socks for The Strathcona Women's Shelter, Bissel Centre, and Mustard Seed.

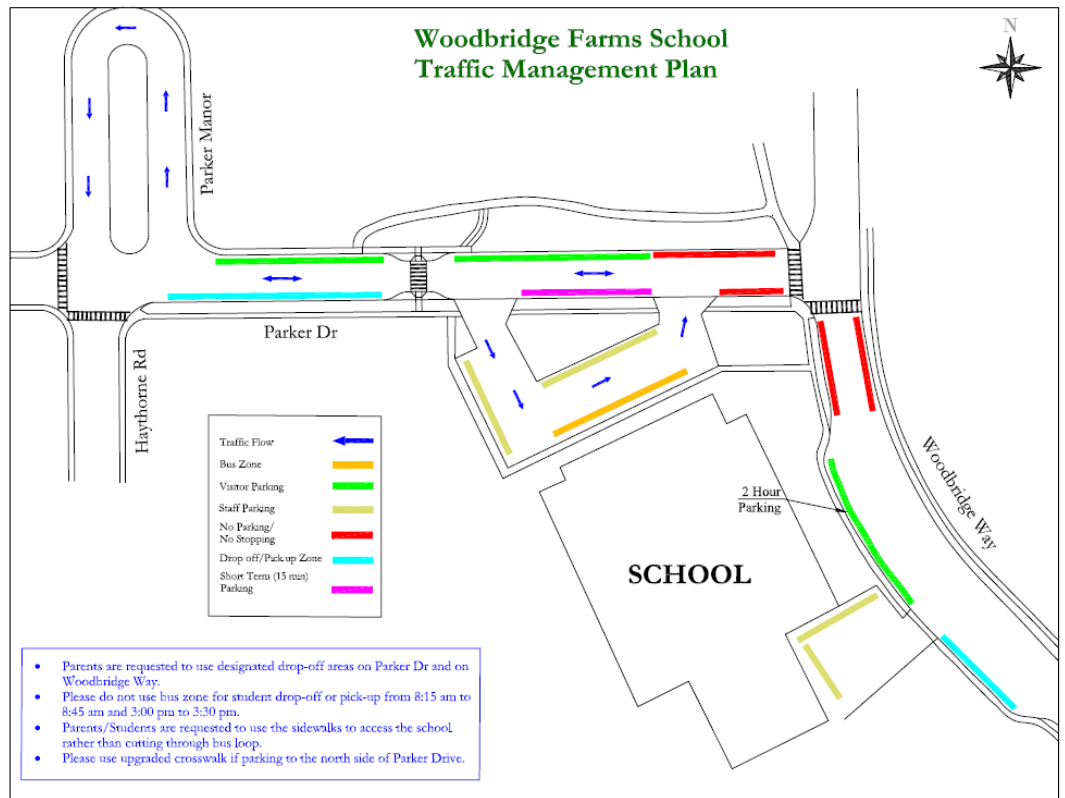
The class that donates the most shoes and socks will receive that prize of a gym period taught by Mr. Danzinger or Mr. Cunningham.

CROSSWALK & TRAFFIC SAFETY

Traffic Management near the school is designed to help ease congestion and help ensure student safety. To that end, please remember:

- U-turns in front of the school are illegal and a safety hazard
- Double parking (at the side) is illegal
- Posted parking zone times
- The bus loop is for school buses only between 8:15 and 8:45 AM and from 3 PM until busses leave

RCMP and Peace Officers will be increasing patrols, especially during peak times.



PARENT HELP REQUESTED!

WORK ← → SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Part of what teachers and EAs do every day is create context and meaning for what students are learning. Sometimes though, it is an even stronger connection when students hear from important adults in their lives about why literacy and numeracy are important, especially in the world of work. Our hope is to have a series of presentations over the course of the year where parents highlight how literacy and/or numeracy skills are important to/for their jobs. Our hope is that will also help students and parents more clearly see that what we're doing [here in school] does help with work preparation and students' futures.

We do not yet have the exact format planned out. The presentation(s) could be to Div 1 (grades K-3) and Div 2 (grades 4-6) separately, or all together. Time and location are yet to be determined as well. However, to put first things first, we need to know if parents are able to help out with this. If you're able to help please email either the principal, Sven Danzinger at sven.danzinger@eips.ca or the assistant principal, Andy Cunningham at andy.cunningham@eips.ca



In and around the District

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2017: VOTE OCTOBER 16

Sherwood Park's Election Day is Monday, Oct. 16, 2017. Polls open as early as 9 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. If you can't vote during those times, there's also the option of advance voting and voting by special ballot. To learn more about the election and candidates running— for mayor, reeve, councillor and public school trustee—visit:

Fort Saskatchewan: www.footsask.ca/city-government/city-council/2017-municipal-election
Lamont County: www.lamontcounty.ca/Election-2017
Minburn County: <http://minburncounty.ab.ca/2017-election/>
Strathcona County: www.strathcona.ca/election
EIPS School Trustees: www.eips.ca

REMINDER: MAKE HEAD CHECKS FOR LICE A REGULAR ROUTINE!

Head lice is one of the most common problems faced by school-aged children and their families. Typically, head lice are tiny, greyish brown insects that live on the scalp and lay their eggs, or nits, in the hair close to the scalp—itching is the main complaint. Lice don't jump from head to head nor are they dangerous. Having a head lice infestation, however, can cause stress, anxiety and hardship for staff, students and parents. As such, it's essential each of our families do their part at home by undertaking weekly routine head checks and, if head lice and nits are found, physically removing them.

While head lice prevention and control is primarily the responsibility of the parent, the school does work discreetly with the teacher, students and families to prevent further transmission. To prevent the spread of head lice, we strongly encourage you to speak to your child about preventative behaviour such as avoiding head-to-head contact and not sharing combs, hats, pillows and hair accessories. It's also important to teach children not to tease other students about head lice—anyone can get head lice. If head lice are found on your child, notify the school, physically remove the lice and nits using the proper lice comb, and keep your child home until all signs of active head lice are gone.

For more information about head lice prevention and treatment, visit www.eips.ca/parents/health-safety-information/head-lice. Alternatively, you can contact the school at 780.464.3330.

LITERACY AND LEARNING DAY

This year's Literacy and Learning Day Conference takes place at the Northlands Expo Centre on October 28. The event is a fun-filled day for both parents and teachers, and includes various keynote speakers and free workshops. Participants are guaranteed to walk away with new strategies, tools and resources to support children as they grow and learn. The conference is free and everyone is welcome. For more information, or to register, visit www.literacyday.ca.

READ IN WEEK TAKES PLACE OCTOBER 2-6

Read In Week 2017 returns on **October 2-6**. The theme for this year is I'm a Reader! I Read for Me!. Through various activities, students will spend the week learning how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives and foster empathy. Some of the activities planned for Read in Week include a variety of guest readers, including Trustee Boymook, Mrs. Watt, Ms. Draganoff!

Read In Week is a Division-wide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, parents and community members. We invite all our families to participate in Read In Week with us either by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community.

And, don't forget to share what you've learned throughout the week using the hashtag *#eipsreads*. We hope you discover some amazing stories.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK: OCTOBER 15–21

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 15–21. The theme: Rider Rules = Safe to School, which is all about teaching children about proper school bus safety. Throughout the week, various activities are planned including information sessions, bus safety lesson plans and bus-evacuations drills.

As part of School Bus Safety Week, we'd like to remind our students and our families all EIPS school buses are equipped with both a bus-pass scanner and GPS technology, which allow Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 170 buses and 600 bus routes. Thanks to this technology, parents and students also have access to the Versatrans My Stop app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child scanned onto a bus.

More information about School Bus Safety Week and EIPS Student Transportation services can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/transportation or by contacting Student Transportation (780-417-8151, st@eips.ca) directly.

PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE!

School fee information for the 2017-18 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution. Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your student fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2017. For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and <http://woodbridgefarms.ca/parents/fees>. Alternatively, contact Mrs. Wells, Financial Secretary at Woodbridge Farms Elementary at 780-464-3330.

CELEBRATING WORLD TEACHERS' DAY: OCTOBER 5

October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world as a way to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

EIPS extends its heartfelt thank you to all its teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating our students through their Kindergarten to Grade 12 years.

WOODBIDGE FARMS STUDENT STRIVE TO:

*Be Safe, Show Respect, Work Hard,
Finish Strong, Be You!*



Your Future **in MIND** 

